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House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Kay Granger Chairwoman Committee on Appropriations H-307 The Capitol Washington, D.C. 20515 The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Ranking Member Committee on Appropriations 1036 Longworth House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

As you begin crafting the Fiscal Year 2024 Transportation, Housing, Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, I respectfully request funding for Mill Street Reconstruction (Springfield, Oregon, OR-04), in the amount of \$4,000,000 within the Committee's Highway Infrastructure Programs – Highway Infrastructure Projects account as part of the Committee's Fiscal Year 2024 Community Project Funding effort.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Springfield, Oregon, located at 225 Fifth Street, Springfield, OR 97477. The project is located on Mill Street (between West Centennial Blvd and Main Street) in Springfield, Oregon 97477.

## Mill Street Reconstruction (City of Springfield, OR)

The City of Springfield, Oregon, is requesting \$4,000,000 for a complete reconstruction of Mill Street, located in Springfield. This project will create a new transportation asset with improved pedestrian crossings and protected bicycle lanes. Overall, this project will repave roadway to create a smoother driving surface and make ADA upgrades. This includes complete reconstruction from Main Street to Centennial Blvd., decorative lighting from Main St to A St, replacement of a sanitary sewer line, lateral lining, complete replacement of a storm water line, adding bicycle facilities, and adding traffic calming measures. City staff will also be updating wastewater lines to meet federal requirements and improve stormwater facilities to protect the City's and surrounding area's natural assets.

This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds. Improving this street will create a new transportation asset that will serve the City and its citizens for years by fully reconstructing a collector street that is currently in complete disrepair. This street reconstruction will increase accessibility for pedestrians and bicyclists by addressing pedestrian crossings, bringing curb ramps up to meet ADA standards, and filling in key gaps in the Springfield bicycle network. This

project will also improve street lighting to make the area more walkable at night, and it will improve the City's stormwater facilities to improve water quality, protect local fish habitats, and protect property and infrastructure from flooding.

This project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 23 USC 133(b)(1)(A) as a road construction project.

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Val T. Hoyle

Member of Congress